

## Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 ROME 10684 051258Z

53

ACTION SCI-06

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 ISO-00 NASA-04 ACDA-19 CIAE-00 DODE-00

PM-07 INR-11 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-07 RSC-01 EB-11 COME-00

DRC-01 /096 W

----- 099159

R 051116Z AUG 74

FM AMEMBASSY ROME

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6261

UNCLAS ROME 10684

DEPT PASS NASA

E.O. 11652: N/A

TA : TSPA, BEXP, IT

SUBJ: APPROVAL OF FUNDING FOR LISI PROGRAM

1. EMBASSY PLEASED TO ADVISE FULL FUNDING APPROVAL GIVEN BY GOI OF SIRIO COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE PROJECT. THIS PROGRAM WILL PROVIDE WIDEBAND COMMUNICATIONS FOR TV, TELEPHONE, DATA TRANSMISSION AND ATMOSPHERIC MEASUREMENTS USING SATELLITE POSITIONED OVER ITALY.

2. IT INCLUDES \$9,600,000 PURCHASE BY GOI OF DELTA-THOR LAUNCH VEHICLE FROM NASA. THESE FUNDS DO NOT INCLUDE AN AS YET UNIDENTIFIED AMOUNT TOTALLING SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS FOR PURCHASES WITHIN U.S. OF SYSTEMS, SUB SYSTEMS, AND COMPONENTS FOR THE SATELLITE.

3. EMBASSY NOTES THAT PROGRAM HAD BEEN DROPPED IN EARLY 1973 FOR LACK OF FUNDS. WITH OUR ASSISTANCE AND INTENSIVE EFFORTS, GOI INCLUDED FUNDING IN NEW BUDGET AS NOTED ABOVE. VOLPE

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES, SPACE PROGRAMS, SATELLITES  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 05 AUG 1974  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** n/a  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** n/a  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:**  
**Disposition Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1974ROME10684  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D740213-0036  
**From:** ROME  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1974/newtext/t19740874/aaaacjlb.tel  
**Line Count:** 49  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION SCI  
**Original Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 1  
**Previous Channel Indicators:**  
**Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** martinjw  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 06 JUN 2002  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <06 JUN 2002 by reddocgw>; APPROVED <22 JAN 2003 by martinjw>  
**Review Markings:**

Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** APPROVAL OF FUNDING FOR LISI PROGRAM  
**TAGS:** TSPA, BEXP, IT  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005